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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: Legislative Liaison Officer -

Department of State - Howdershell - 647-4463 (25)
National Security Council - Courtney - Room 381
Central Intelligence Agency -
Department of Justice - Perkins - 633-2113 (17)

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SUBJECT: DOD draft report on H.R. 71 which would abolish the National Security Council.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than OCTOBER 27, 1987.

Questions should be referred to Annette Rooney/Sue Thau (395-7300), the legislative analyst in this office.


RONALD K. PETERSON for
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

CC: Bob Howard
John Eisenhower

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Defense strongly opposes the content of H.R. 71, which would abolish the National Security Council.

Since its establishment in 1947, the NSC has provided the President with the advice and expertise necessary for successful implementation of national security objectives. It is essential that the President continue to have this expertise at his disposal. The Tower Board concluded that it was not the NSC infrastructure, but individuals, that failed during the recent Iranian arms sales occurrence.

The Department of Defense cannot support legislation which would seriously jeopardize the national security interests of the United States.

Sincerely,